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1 AN ACT Relating to the authority of liquor enforcement officers;
2 and amending RCW 66.44.010.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 66.44.010 and 1998 c 18 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) All county and municipal peace officers are hereby charged with
7 the duty of investigating and prosecuting all violations of this title,
8 and the penal laws of this state relating to the manufacture,
9 importation, transportation, possession, distribution and sale of
10 liquor, and all fines imposed for violations of this title and the
11 penal laws of this state relating to the manufacture, importation,
12 transportation, possession, distribution and sale of liquor shall
13 belong to the county, city or town wherein the court imposing the fine
14 is located, and shall be placed in the general fund for payment of the
15 salaries of those engaged in the enforcement of the provisions of this
16 title and the penal laws of this state relating to the manufacture,
17 importation, transportation, possession, distribution and sale of
18 liquor: PROVIDED, That all fees, fines, forfeitures and penalties

1 collected or assessed by a district court because of the violation of
2 a state law shall be remitted as provided in chapter 3.62 RCW as now
3 exists or is later amended.

4 (2) In addition to any and all other powers granted, the board
5 shall have the power to enforce the penal provisions of this title and
6 the penal laws of this state relating to the manufacture, importation,
7 transportation, possession, distribution and sale of liquor.

8 (3) In addition to the other duties under this section, the board
9 shall enforce chapters 82.24 and 82.26 RCW.

10 (4) The board may appoint and employ, assign to duty and fix the
11 compensation of, officers to be designated as liquor enforcement
12 officers.

13 (a) Such liquor enforcement officers shall have the power, under
14 the supervision of the board, to:

15 (i) Enforce the penal provisions of this title and the penal laws
16 of this state relating to the manufacture, importation, transportation,
17 possession, distribution and sale of liquor~~((. They shall have the~~
18 ~~power and authority to))~~;

19 (ii) Serve and execute all warrants and process of law issued by
20 the courts in enforcing the penal provisions of this title or of any
21 penal law of this state relating to the manufacture, importation,
22 transportation, possession, distribution and sale of liquor, and the
23 provisions of chapters 82.24 and 82.26 RCW~~((. They shall have the~~
24 ~~power to))~~; and

25 (iii) Arrest, without a warrant, any person or persons found in the
26 act of violating any of the penal provisions of this title or of any
27 penal law of this state relating to the manufacture, importation,
28 transportation, possession, distribution and sale of liquor, and the
29 provisions of chapters 82.24 and 82.26 RCW.

30 (b) A qualified liquor enforcement officer may, when acting within
31 the scope of his or her duties and when an offense occurs in his or her
32 presence, enforce all criminal laws of the state. For purposes of this
33 subsection, a liquor enforcement officer is qualified if he or she has
34 successfully completed the basic law enforcement academy course
35 sponsored by the criminal justice training commission or a course
36 approved by the criminal justice training commission and provided by

1 the board or the criminal justice training commission.

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